

## SUCCESS STORY

## Training Helps Young Man Find Rewarding Career

## USAID-supported project provides job training to Yemen's youth



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Amer Muhammed Al-Salahi received training through a USAID-supported project—and ended up becoming a trainer himself.

Amer Mohammed Al-Salahi, 22 years old, lives in Al-Qalua'a district in Aden governorate. He started working at an early age in a car body repair shop. He was hired to help out with the heavy jobs, such as painting, rust rubbing, and tires. The work was dangerous, and in the short time he worked there, he suffered several wounds and burns. "This job caused me three surgeries, and I had to stop work. After this job I could no longer do any work that required muscular efforts, but I still needed a job," said Al-Salahi.

One day, Al-Salahi heard about a course in mobile phone maintenance offered by Youth Empowerment Project, which is funded by USIAD. He enrolled right away. "It was a golden opportunity for me," said Al-Salahi.

After he received the training, he learned of a job opening as a trainer in the same center where he had been trained. "The center encouraged and supported me and they asked me to apply for the position as trainer, as well as work in their maintenance workshop. This workshop now gives me a regular income," said Al-Salahi.

Al-Salahi's career is taking off, and he now is dreaming big. "Now, I am starting to have my own customers and am thinking to set up my own workshop in my neighborhood of Al-Qalua'a."